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MEMORANDUM FOR:

OTTS/TS

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Open Sources on CIA History

1. I'll attach a short list of books that may help your producer read herself into the history of CIA and OTS.

2. I've had a look at our list of component histories, and aside from the three OTS histories you noted when you were here, the only study that might interest you is "The Berlin Tunnel Operations 1952-1956."

The Directorate of Operations controls access to this history, so if you would like to see it you should send a memo to the DO Information Review Officer. We can make it available to you here as soon as we get DO approval.

3. We'll be happy to do anything we can to help with your film.

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BOOKS ON CIA

On CIA in general:

1. Thomas Powers, The Man Who Kept the Secrets: Richard Helms and the CIA. [1979]

The title is somewhat misleading, for this is not a biography of Helms. Rather, Powers uses Helms's three decades as a professional intelligence officer as a window into CIA. Certainly one of the best books on CIA available.

2. U.S. Senate, Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations with respect to Intelligence Activities [Church Committee], Final Report. Book IV. [1976]

A brief (95 pages) historical introduction to CIA, particularly its organizational evolution. While not offering great depth, it does identify many of the major issues in CIA's first thirty years.

On the intelligence profession:

3. Allen W. Dulles, The Craft of Intelligence. [1963]

A primer on intelligence, written by one who headed CIA for eight years. Its examples are now somewhat dated, but it remains instructive for matters of process and tradecraft.

On topics of direct interest to OTS:

4. Laurant Paine, The Technology of Espionage. [1978]

Traces the history of some of the major scientific and technological developments from World War II to the 1970s. Relates these to both intelligence operations and intelligence collection. Deals with, among other subjects, electronic espionage and audio operations (microbugs). A useful introduction to the world of technological espionage.

5. Thomas Bell Smith, The Essential CIA. [1975]

Written by a former CIA officer with 11 years experience in the technical services section of the Clandestine Services. Heavy emphasis on technical support of Soviet operations.

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